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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97

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A statement is provided herewith to satisfy the requirement under 37 CFR §§1.97(c);
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FR 2726459, FR 2749155, FR 2844180 and WO 02/43603 A1 were published in French. The English language abstracts and the drawings are sufficient to convey the scope of their disclosure.

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The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application complied with paragraphs (a) through (c) of 37 CFR §1.98.

I. *Fee Authorization.* The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-referenced fees of \$0.00 and charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No.29914-701.405).

Respectfully submitted,

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